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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,895,268
AB United States Patent Application Publication 2004/0022424
AC United States Patent Application Publication 2001/0055016
AL German OS 100 57 023
AT "OP-Handbuch, Grundlagen Instrumentation OP-Ablauf,"
Middelanis et al (1995) Pages 159-160

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA corresponds to German OS 199 51 502, which was identified and discussed at pages 1-3 of the present specification, together with references AL and AT. Reference AC was identified and discussed at page 4 of the present specification. Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of these references.

The German counterpart to Reference AA, together with Reference AL, also were cited in a Search Report rendered by the German Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the counterpart German application. Reference AB was cited in a subsequent Office Action from the German Patent and Trademark Office.

Copies of References AL and AT are submitted herewith, together with Form 1449 on which all of the references are listed. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, in addition to the aforementioned statements in the specification, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

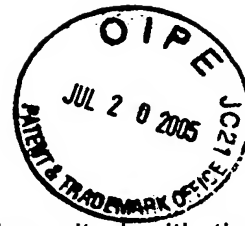
As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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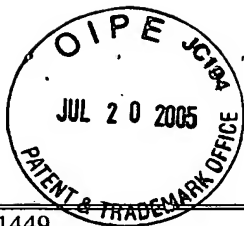
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